

## **St. Paul's Episcopal Church Vestry Meeting-Wednesday, October 23, 2024**

At 7:35, the Rev. Dixon Kinser called the meeting to order and gave a prayer. Those in attendance were Kathryn Vernon, Brant Snavelly, Carol Davis, Matthew Phillips, Charlotte Broughton, Sheldon Moser, Jack Scruggs, Ralph Womble, Elizabeth Repetti, Keith Googe, Morris Friedman, the Rev. Lucy Strandlund, Tom McDowell, and Betsy Reiners.

Dixon called for approval of the minutes from the vestry meeting on September 25, 2024, as presented. Ralph made a motion to approve, and Carol seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Tom McDowell presented the year-to-date numbers. Pledges continue to lag budget, @\$141k. Expenses are in line except for Maintenance overages approved by the Vesty. Outreach expenses are over, due to the timing of funding grants and reimbursement through the Winston-Salem Foundation.

Dixon offered an update on the Cheerful Giving-What if? Campaign.

In new business, Dixon asked the vestry for approval of the transfer of 10,000.00 from the Memorials fund to fund the Ecclesiastical Arts committee. Jack made a motion to approve, and Ralph seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Dixon presented a request from Deacon Lauren Villemuer-Drenth for \$100.00 to fund a children's advent wreath project. After a discussion, Dixon asked for a motion to approve the expenditure from Vestry undesignated funds. Charlotte made a motion and Morris seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Dixon proposed creating a new role for a young member of St. Paul's. He explained the idea of having a youth vestry member position available for a confirmed member who is over sixteen and in high school, who has a special interest in the church. The vestry members discussed this and decided it warranted further study. Dixon asked for a motion to charge the Rev. Nick VanHorn, associate rector, and director of youth ministries to explore this possibility.

In the Rector's report, Dixon updated the vestry on the Master of Choristers and Schola search and explained the hiring committee and church staff has met the first of two candidates, and the other candidate will be visiting next week, on Tuesday, October 29 and 30<sup>th</sup>.

Dixon said the process for replacing Sara Ardrey-Graves is ongoing and the hope is to have someone in place by Advent 1. Because time is short, Matthew Phillips made a motion to give Dixon approval for hiring a new priest if a positive situation arises. Brant seconded the motion. The motion passed.

In the Sr. warden's report, Matthew asked for a motion to accept Lee Bettis and Kathryn Allen as nominees for the Vestry Nominating Committee. Jack approved the motion and Ralph seconded the motion. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote of the current vestry excluding those members rolling off at years end, Brant Snavelly, Elizabeth Repetti, Carol Davis and Matthew Phillips.

Matthew reminded the vestry members to check the sign-up genius for any Sundays that need coverage by a VOD.

The Jr. warden, Morris Friedman, said the paver project and sound system speaker project are complete.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm with Pastoral Session to follow.